

House State & Local Government Committee Amendment No. 1

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 408*

House Bill No. 722

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 11, is amended

by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated part:

SECTION _____. There is hereby established as a division of the Tennessee historical commission an African American struggle for justice, equality and opportunity commission.

SECTION _____. The commission shall be composed of nine (9) members as follows:

(a) One (1) member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;

(b) One (1) member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(c) Three (3) historians having knowledge of the African American struggle for justice, equality, and opportunity, one (1) of whom shall reside in each grand division of the state, to be appointed by the House and Senate appointees;

(d) One (1) representative of the Tennessee historical commission, to be appointed by the Governor;

(e) Three (3) committee members, one (1) of whom shall reside in each grand division of the state, to be appointed by the House and Senate appointees.

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SECTION _____. The members shall be appointed for two (2) year terms at which time the current members shall be reappointed or new members shall be appointed.

SECTION _____. The African American struggle for justice, equality and opportunity commission shall meet on a quarterly basis.

SECTION _____. The African American struggle for justice, equality and opportunity commission shall replace the presidential landmark commission which terminates June 30, 1997.

SECTION _____. The duties of the African American struggle for justice, equality, and opportunity commission, shall be to:

(a) recommend annually to the general assembly and the governor an appropriate observance of specific days of reflection and remembrance to commemorate those Tennesseans who gave their lives to advance the principles of justice, equality, and opportunity for all;

(b) review, monitor and recommend culturally specific educational outreach programs for public school teachers to better enable such teachers to inform students of the history and impact of the civil rights movement in our state and nation;

(c) review, monitor and recommend exhibits at the Tennessee state museum and at other public places around the state;

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(d) review, monitor and recommend teaching units for public school teachers in cooperation with the state board of education;

(e) review, monitor and recommend culturally specific conferences for professors teaching at Tennessee's higher education institutions;

(f) facilitate commemorative services for the annual days of reflection and remembrance in Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Johnson City; and

(g) review, monitor and recommend other culturally specific activities to periodically inform and remind all Tennesseans of the persons, events, and importance of the civil rights movement.

SECTION _____. The members of the African American struggle for justice, equality, and opportunity commission shall perform the duties outlined in this act. It is not the intent of the General Assembly for the historical commission to provide the African American struggle for justice, equality, and opportunity commission with staff, equipment or other resources.

SECTION _____. In addition to state appropriations, the commission may solicit and receive private funding to effectuate its purposes.

SECTION _____. The commission shall be attached to Tennessee historical commission for the purpose of administration only. Non-legislative members of the commission shall not be entitled to receive a salary for their services but may receive

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reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses to be paid in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations approved by the commissioner of finance and administration and the attorney general. Legislative members of the commission shall not be entitled to receive a salary for time spent on commission business but may receive reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.

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